(b) whether is it is also a fact that producers whose serials have been rejected, are allowed to appeal against the decisons; and

(c) if so, what is the criteria to dispose off such appeal ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) The appeals of producers whose proposals have been rejected will be examined by a review committee consisting of the Director General of Doordarshan and at least three non-official experts (other than the non-official experts who had considered the proposals earlier) based on the grounds advanced by the applicant while seeking reconsideration of his/her proposals.

**Exemption from the Provisions of Factory Act**

3986. SHRI HIPHEI : Will the the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to exempt units employing less than 25 people from the provisions of the Factory Act ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR) : (a) and (b). The matter is under examination.

**Provident Fund Contributions of workers**

3987. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around Rs. 65 lakhs collected from July, 1987 onwards as contribution of workers towards Provident Fund has not been deposited by the management of "Amrit Bazar" and "Northern India Patrika" Allahabad (U.P.);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has been taken in this regard;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what immediate action is being taken under the Provident Fund Act?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PAWAN SING GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) The Employees Provident Fund authorities have reported that an amount of Rs. 31,84,822,50 (Rupees Thirty one lakh Eighty Four thousand eight hundred twenty two and fifty paise) is outstanding against the management of Amrit Bazar and Northern India Patrika on account of workers' contribution towards provident fund for the period July, 1987 to July, 1991.

(c) to (e) Necessary legal action has been initiated against the management for the recovery of the outstanding dues.

**Right to Work**

3988. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI N.E. BALRAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal for including the Right to Work in the Fundamental Rights has been shelved; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) Given the resources constraint, such a measure can not be taken up at present.

**Amount of Provident Fund Arrears**

3989. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of Provident Fund arrears of the private sector; and

(b) the details of the top 10 companies

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR): (a) Rs. 164.04 crores.

(b) The details of the top 10 companies are as given below:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

| S. No. | Name of the establishment | Amount in arrears |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | New Central Jute Mills Ltd. | 697.00 |
| 2 | Angus Company Limited. | 607.43 |
| 3 | Delta Jute Industry Ltd. | 564.70 |
| 4 | Titagarh Jute Co. Ltd. | 546.50 |
| 5 | Megna Mills Limited | 524.00 |
| 6 | Kankanarrah co. Ltd. | 513.25 |
| 7 | Victoria Jute Mills co. Ltd. | 509.00 |
| 8 | Shamnagar Jute Mills Ltd. | 480.20 |
| 9 | Binod Mills Company | 429.86 |
| 10 | Baranagar Jute Mills Ltd. | 418.00 |

**Committee for Monitoring Implementation of the 15 Point Programme**

3990. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL ALIAS MEEM AFZAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any committee in the Department of Ocean Development for monitoring implementation of the 15 Point Programme for the welfare of the Minorities; and

(b) if so, what are the details of such Committee and its achievements during the past three years under the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) The Department of Ocean Development provides resources from its Plan Budget for implementation of various programmes through scientific and research organisations under the administrative control of various departments. This department does not have any scientific institution under its direct administrative control. As such, it is not directly charged with the responsibility of monitoring implementation of the 15 Point Programme for the welfare of minorities in these institutions.

However, for recruitment to the Central Government posts under this department, the following arrangenments exist:

1. For recruitment to Group 'C' and 'D' posts the Departmental Promotion Committee includes one member belonging to the minority community to take care of the interests of the minorities.

2. For recruitment to Group 'A' and 'B' posts, Selection Committees are appointed from time to time with experts in the concerned fields. One Expert is always included from the minority community as a member of the Selection Committee in such cases.

**Techniques developed by N.I.O. to prepare Drugs from Sea Animals**

3991. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Institute of Oceanography, Goa has developed techniques to prepare lysete from the "blue blood" of the Horse-shoe crabs;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this Institute has also identified marine animals for preparation of drugs from the Sea Under Project Drugs;

(c) if so, the progress made in this behalf; and

(d) by when these drugs are likely to be marketed ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Active components from Marine Animals have been isolated, characterized and synthesized in the Laboratory. Marketability of these drugs could be possible only after the clinical and other biological tests meet the prescribed specifications and conditions.

**China's interest in getting training of civil servants**

@3992. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that China is very interested to learn from India about our highly reputed Civil Services;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

@Previously Unstarred Question 736, transferred from the 16th March 992.